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A PRAYER.

AMONGST numberleſs other Abſurdities, it hath often been aſſerted by thoſe for a partial College, that no Prayer could poſſibly be formed, but what would be rejected by all other Denominations, on Account of the Party by whom it was compoſed. I ſhall therefore lay before the Reader, a Prayer wholly collected from the Scriptures, except the Paſſages in Italics; againſt which, I preſume, no Chriſtian of any Perſuaſion can object, without at the ſame Time manifeſting his Irreverence for the ſacred Oracles.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God Almighty! thou art our God, early will we ſeek thee; our God, and we will praiſe thee; our Fathers God, and we will exalt thee. Thou art very great, cloathed with Honour and Majeſty; thou covereſt thyſelf with Light as with a Garment. Thou art the bleſſed and only Potentate, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, who only haſt Immortality, dwelling in Light, which no Man can approach, whom no Man hath ſeen nor can ſee. The Heavens declare thy Glory, and the Firmament ſheweth thy handy Work; and by the Things that are made, are clearly ſeen and underſtood, thine eternal Power and Godhead. They are Fools without Excuſe who ſay, there is no God; for verily there is a Reward for the Righteous, verily there is a God who judgeth in the Earth.

Rev. iv. 8. Pſa. lxiii. 1. Exo. xv. 2. Pſ. civ. 1, 2. 1 Tim. vi. 15, 16. Pſ. xix. 1. Rom. i. 20. Pſ. xiv. 1. Pſ. lviii. 11.

THOU *art incomprehenſible.* We cannot by ſearching find out God: We cannot find out the Almighty unto Perfection. As the Heavens are high above the Earth, ſo are thy Thoughts above our Thoughts, and thy Ways above our Ways.

Job. xi. 7. Iſa. lv. 9.

ETERNAL *art thou and immutable.* Before the Mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadſt formed the Earth and the World, even from everlaſting to everlaſting, thou art God, the ſame Yeſterday, to Day, and forever. Of old haſt thou laid the Foundation of the Earth, and the Heavens are the Work of thy Hands. They ſhall periſh, but thou ſhalt endure; yea all of them ſhall wax old like a Garment, and as a Veſture ſhalt thou change them, and they ſhall be changed: but thou art the ſame and thy Years ſhall have no End.

Pſ. xc. 2. Heb. xiii. 8. Pſa. cii. 25, 26, 27.

THOU *art Omnipreſent.* We cannot go from thy Spirit, or flee from thy Preſence. If we aſcend into Heaven, thou art there: if we make our Bed in Hell, behold thou art there: If we take the Wings of the Morning, and dwell in the uttermoſt Parts of the Sea, even there ſhall thy Hand lead us, and thy Right-Hand ſhall hold us.

Pſ. cxxxix. 7, 8, 9, 10.

INFINITE *is thy Knowledge.* Darkneſs and Night are both alike to thee. Thou knoweſt our down-ſetting, and our up-riſing, and underſtandeſt our Thoughts afar off. Thou compaſſeſt our Path, and art acquainted with all our Ways. O the Depth of the Riches both of the Wiſdom and Knowledge of God! How unſearchable are his Judgments, and his Ways paſt finding out!

Pſ. cxxxix. 2, 3, 12. Rom. xi. 33.

THY *Sovereignty is inconteſtible, and thy Power irreſiſtible.* The Heavens, even the Heavens are thine, the Earth and the Fulneſs thereof, the World, and they that dwell therein. Thou doſt according to thy Will in the Armies of Heaven, and among the Inhabitants of the Earth. None can ſtay thy Hand, or ſay unto thee, What doeſt thou?

Pſ. cxv. 16. Pſ. xxiv. 1.

Who

Job. xl. 9. Who has an Arm like God, or who can thunder with a Voice like him! Thou meaſureſt
Iſa. lxi. 12. the Waters in the Hollow of thine Hand, and meteſt out the Heaven with a Span. Thou
comprehendeſt the Duſt of the Earth in a Meaſure, and weigheſt the Mountains in Scales,
Pſ. xviii. 7. and the Hills in a Ballance. At thy Wrath the Earth trembleth, and the Foundations
Pſ. xxxiii. 6. of the Hills are moved. By the Word of the Lord were the Heavens made, and all the
Hoſt of them by the Breath of his Mouth. Thou ſpakeſt and it was done, thou
commandedſt and it ſtood faſt.

Dan. iv. 35. THY *Adminiſtration is juſt.* Far be it from God that he ſhould do Wickedneſs, and
from the Almighty that he ſhould commit Iniquity; for the Work of a Man ſhall he
Job. xxxiv. 10, 11. render unto him. Thy Righteouſneſs is like the great Mountains. Clouds and Darkneſs
Pſ. xxxvi. 6. Pſ. xcvii. 2. are round about thee, yet Righteouſneſs and Judgment are the Habitation of thy Throne.

Pſ. cxxxvi. 1. ---- cxvii. 1.---c. . THY *Goodneſs is inexhauſtible.* Thy Mercy endureth forever. Thy Kindneſs
Ex. xxxiv. 6. 7. is great towards us, and thy Truth endureth to all Generations. Thy Name is the
Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-ſuffering, abundant in Goodneſs
and Truth, keeping Mercy for Thouſands, forgiving Iniquity, Tranſgreſſion and Sin.

Job. xxvi. 14. LO theſe are but Part of thy Ways! How little a Portion is heard of thee! Touching
Job. xxxvii. 23. the Almighty, we cannot find him out: He is excellent in Power and in Judgment,
Nehem. ix. 5. and in Plenty of Juſtice, and he is exalted far above all Bleſſing and Praiſe.

Heb. xii. 9. THOU art the Father of our Spirits. The Spirit of God hath made us, and the
Job. xxxiii. 4. Breath of the Almighty hath given us Life. We are Clay and thou our Potter, we are
Iſa. lxiv. 8. the Work of thy Hand. In thy Hand is our Breath, and thine are all our Ways. The
Dan. v. 23. Way of Man is not in himſelf, neither is it in Man that walketh to direct his Steps.
Jer x. 23. In thee, O God, we live, and move, and have our Being, for we are thy Offspring.
Acts xvii. 28. It is of thy Mercy that we are not conſumed, even becauſe thy Compaſſions fail not.
Lam. iii. 22, 23. They are new every Morning. Great is thy Faithfulneſs.

Ezra ix. 6. O OUR God, we are aſhamed, and bluſh to lift up our Faces to thee for our
Iniquities are encreaſed over our Heads, and our Treſpaſs is grown up unto the
Job. xv. 15, 16. Heavens! Thou putteſt no Truſt in thy Saints. The Heavens are not clean in thy
Sight. How much more abominable and filthy is Man, who drinketh in Iniquity like
Water! If we juſtify ourſelves our own Mouths ſhall condemn us; if we ſay we are
perfect, that alſo ſhall prove us perverſe: For, if thou contend with us, we are not
Job. ix. 3, 20. able to anſwer thee for one of a Thouſand. If thou Lord ſhouldſt mark Iniquities, O
Pſ. cxxx. 3, 4, 7, 8. Lord who ſhould ſtand: But there is Forgiveneſs with thee that thou mayeſt be feared;
yea with our God there is plenteous Redemption, and he ſhall redeem *Iſrael* from all
Prov. xxviii. 13. his Iniquities. They that cover their Sins ſhall not proſper, yet thoſe that confeſs and
forſake them ſhall find Mercy. Thy Sacrifices, O God, are a broken Spirit. A broken
Pſ. li. 17. and a contrite Heart, O God, thou wilt not deſpiſe. If we confeſs our Sins thou art
1 John i. 8--9. faithful and juſt to forgive us our Sins, and to cleanſe us from all Unrighteouſneſs. Lord
Eccleſ. vii. 29. thou madeſt Man upright, but he hath ſought out many Inventions. All Fleſh hath
Gen. vi. 12. Pſ. xiv. 3. corrupted their Way; we are all gone aſide, we are altogether become filthy, there is
Eph. iv. 18. none that doeth Good, no not one. Our Underſtandings are darkened, being alienated
Iſa. xlviii. 4 Zec. vii. 11, 12. Pſ. lviii. 4, 5. from the Life of God, thro' the Ignorance that is in us, becauſe of the Blindneſs of our
Hearts. Our Neck hath been an Iron Sinew, and we have made our Heart as an
Adamant; we have refuſed to hearken, have pulled away the Shoulder, and ſtopped our
Ears, like the deaf Adder that will not hearken to the Voice of the Charmer, charm
he never ſo wiſely. Of the Rock that begat us we have been unmindful, and have
Deut. xxxii. 18. forgotten the God that formed us. We have ſinned, Father, againſt Heaven, and have
Luke xv. 18. come ſhort of the Glory of God. The God in whoſe Hand our Breath is, and whoſe
Rom. iii. 23. are all our Ways, have we not glorified. As a Fountain caſteth out her Waters, ſo do
Dan. v. 23. our Hearts caſt out Wickedneſs, and this hath been our Manner. We have not obeyed
Jer. vi. 7. xxii. 21. thy Voice. We have grieved the holy Spirit of God, by whom we were ſealed to the
Eph. iv. 30. Day of Redemption. O the Riches of the Patience and Forbearance of God! *How*
Rom. ii. 4. *long ſuffering he is to us-ward!*

Deut. xxvi. 17. 18, 19. WE avouch the Lord this Day to be our God, to walk in his Ways, and to keep his
Pſa. cxix. 94. Statutes, and his Commandments, and his Judgments, to hearken to his Voice, and
to be his peculiar People. We are thine, ſave us, for we ſeek thy Precepts.

THOU

THOU *haſt commanded us* to pray always, with all Prayer and Supplication, with Thankſgiving, and to watch thereunto with all Perſeverance and Supplication, for all Saints; to continue in Prayer, and in every Thing by Prayer and Supplication, to make our Requeſts known to God. Eph. vi. 18. Col. iv. 2. Phil. iv. 6.

BUT will God in very Deed dwell with Man upon Earth, *that God* whom the Heaven, and the Heaven of Heavens cannot contain, with Man who is a Worm, and the Son of Man who is a Worm! Who are we, O Lord God, and what is our Houſe, that thou haſt brought us hitherto, that we have thro' Chriſt an Acceſs by one Spirit unto the Father! What is Man that thou art thus mindful of him, and the Son of Man that thou viſiteſt him! 2 Chron. vi. 18. Job xxv. 6. 2 Sam. vii. 18. Eph. ii. 18. Pſa. viii. 4.

AND now, Lord, what wait we for? Truly our Hope is in thee. O let not the Lord be angry, if we who are but Duſt and Aſhes take upon us to ſpeak unto the Lord of Glory. *For* whom have we in Heaven but thee, and there is none upon Earth that we deſire beſides thee. When our Fleſh and our Heart fail, be Thou the Strength of our Heart, and our Portion for ever. Look down from thy holy Habitation, have Reſpect unto the Prayer of thy Servants, which they pray before thee this Day. But we know not what to pray for as we ought. Let thy Spirit help our Infirmities, and make Interceſſion for us, with Groanings which cannot be uttered. In thee, O God, do we put our Truſt, let us never be aſhamed, yea let none that wait on thee be aſhamed. We entreat thy Favour with our whole Heart; in this we labour that we may be accepted of the Lord. Hear our Prayers, O Lord, give Ear to our Supplications; in thy Faithfulneſs anſwer us. Let our Prayers be ſet before thee as Incenſe, and the lifting up of our Hands as the Evening Sacrifice. O pour upon us the Spirit of Grace and Supplication, the Spirit of Adoption, teaching us to cry Abba, Father. We do not preſent our Supplication before thee for our Righteouſneſs. For we are before thee in our Treſpaſſes, and cannot ſtand before thee becauſe of them: but in the Name of the great High Prieſt, who is paſſed into the Heavens, Jeſus the Son of God, who was touched with the feeling of our Infirmities. Let us therefore come boldly to the Throne of Grace, that we may obtain Mercy, and find Grace to help in Time of Need. Behold, O God, our Shield, and look upon the Face of thine anointed. Pſa. xxxix. 7. Gen. xviii 27. 30. Pſa. lxxiii. 25, 26. 1 Kings, viii. 28. Deut. xxvi. 15. Rom. viii. 26. Pſa. xxxi. 1. Pſa. xxv. 3. Pſa. cxix. 58. 2 Cor. v. 9. Pſa. cxliii. 1. Pſa. cxli. 2. Zech. xii. 10. Rom. viii. 15. Dan. ix. 18. Ezra. ix. 15. Heb. iv. 14, 15, 16. Pſa. lxxxiv. 9.

DELIVER us from all our Tranſgreſſions. Make us not the Reproach of the Fooliſh. O waſh us thoroughly from our Iniquity, and cleanſe us from our Sin, for we acknowledge our Tranſgreſſions, and our Sin is ever before us. Purge us with Hyſſop, and we ſhall be clean; waſh us and we ſhall be whiter than Snow. Hide thy Face from our Sins, and blot out all our Iniquities. All our Righteouſneſſes are as filthy Rags. *But* Jeſus Chriſt is made of God to us Righteouſneſs, being made Sin for us, tho' he knew no Sin, that we might be made the Righteouſneſs of God in him. Let us have Redemption thro' Chriſt's Blood, even the Forgiveneſs of Sins, according to the Riches of his Grace: For there is no Salvation in any other, there is no other Name under Heaven given among Men, whereby we may be ſaved. Fulfil *in us* all the good Pleaſure of thy Goodneſs, and the Work of Faith with Power. The very God of Peace ſanctify us wholly, and we pray God, our whole Spirit, and Soul, and Body, may be preſerved blameleſs, unto the Coming of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. Pſa. xxxix. 8. Pſa. li. 2, 3, 7, 9. Iſa. lxiv 6. 1 Cor. i. 30. 2 Cor. v. 21. Eph. i. 7. 8. Acts iv. 12. 2 Theſ. i. 11. 1 Theſ. v. 23.

RELPENISH this School of the Prophets, with every good and every perfect Gift from above, ---from the Father of Lights. Wiſdom is better than Rubies, Length of Days are in her Right Hand, and in her Left Hand Riches and Honour: Her Ways are Ways of Pleaſantneſs, and all her Paths are Peace. Let the Knowledge of Wiſdom be ſweet unto our Souls, as is the Honey-Comb unto the Taſte. Let us perceive the Words of Underſtanding, and cry after Knowledge. Doth not Wiſdom cry, and Underſtanding put forth her Voice? She crieth at our Gates, at the Entry of *this Houſe*, at the coming in at the Doors unto us doth ſhe call, unto us lifteth ſhe her Voice. Let us therefore hear Inſtruction, be wiſe and refuſe it not: Watching daily at Wiſdom's Gates, and waiting at the Poſts of her Door: For whoſo loveth Inſtruction, loveth Knowledge. Jam. i. 17. Prov. iii 15, 16, 17. Prov. xxiv. 13, 14. Prov. i. 2. 11. 3. Prov. viii. 1, 3, 4. Prov. viii. 33, 34. xii. 1.

UNTO thee, O God, do we give Thanks, unto thee do we give Thanks. We will praiſe the Lord for it is good, it is pleaſant, and Praiſe is comely for the Upright. It is a good Pſa. lxxv. 1. Pſa. cxlvii. 1.

Pſa. xcii. 1. 2. a good Thing to give Thanks unto the Lord, and to ſing Praiſes unto thy Name, O Moſt High! To ſhew forth thy loving Kindneſs in the Morning, and thy Faithfulneſs every Night. We bleſs thee, that when the Fulneſs of Time was come, thou didſt ſend forth thy Son made of a Woman, made under the Law, to redeem them that were under the Law, that we might receive the Adoption of Sons. That we have an Advocate with the Father, even Jeſus Chriſt the Righteous. That he is ſet on the Right Hand of the Throne of the Majeſty in the Heavens, Angels and Authorities, and Powers being made ſubject to him. *That he hath* ſent us another Comforter to abide with us forever, even the Spirit of Truth. The Lord is good, his Mercy is everlaſting, and his Truth endureth to all Generations.

Gal. iv. 4. 5.
1 John ii. 1.
Heb. viii. 1.
1 Peter iii. 22.
John xiv. 16, 17.
Pſa. c. 5.

LET thy Salvation and thy Righteouſneſs be openly ſhewed in the Sight of the Heathen, and let all the Ends of the Earth ſee the Salvation of our God. Let the Word of the Lord have free Courſe, and let it be glorified. Save thy People, O Lord, and bleſs thy Heritage: Feed them alſo, and lift them up forever. Bring thy Seed from the Eaſt, and gather them from the Weſt: Say to the North give up, and to the South keep not back. Bring thy Sons from afar, and thy Daughters from the Ends of the Earth. From the riſing of the Sun to the going down of the ſame; let thy Name be great among the Gentiles, and the Earth be full of the Knowledge of the Lord, as the Waters cover the Sea. Grace be with all them that love the Lord Jeſus Chriſt with Sincerity. Give King *George* thy Judgments, O God, and thy Righteouſneſs, that he may judge the Poor of the People, ſave the Children of the Needy, and break in Pieces the Oppreſſor. Let him redeem their Souls from Deceit and Violence, and let their Blood be precious in his Sight. Let his Throne be eſtabliſhed in Righteouſneſs, and upheld with Mercy. Make him exceeding glad with thy Countenance. Through the tender Mercy of the moſt High, let him not be moved. Cloath his Enemies with Shame, but upon himſelf let the Crown flouriſh. Grant him length of Days, and let his Glory be great in thy Salvation. *Bleſs his Royal Highneſs* George *Prince of Wales, the Princeſs Dowager of Wales, the Duke, the Princeſſes, and all the Royal Family.* May thy loving Kindneſs be before their Eyes, and may they walk in thy Truth. Smile *on our Governor*. May he walk in Uprightneſs: And may his Ways pleaſe the Lord. Teach our Senators Wiſdom. Let our Rulers be able Men, ſuch as fear God, Men of Truth, hating Covetouſneſs. That Juſtice may run down as a River, and Righteouſneſs as a mighty Stream. Peace be within our Borders, and Proſperity within our Palaces. Make our Officers Peace, and our Exactors Righteouſneſs. Let Violence never be heard in our Gates; Waſting or Diſtruction in our Borders: Let our Walls be called Salvation, and our Gates Praiſe. In the Name of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, let there be no Diviſions among us, but that we may be perfectly joined together in the ſame Mind and in the ſame Judgment. Purify the Sons of *Levi*; purge them as Gold and Silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an Offering in Righteouſneſs. Let the Servants of the Lord be gentle to all Men, apt to teach---patient---Examples to the Believers, in Word, in Converſation, in Charity, in Spirit, in Truth, in Purity.

Pſa. xcviii. 2. 3.
2 Theſ. iii. 1.
Pſa. xxviii. 9.
Iſa. xliii. 5, 6.
Mal. i. 11. Iſa. xi. 9.
Eph. vi. 24.
Pſa. lxxii. 1, 4, 14.
Prov. xxv. 5. xx. 28.
Pſa. xxi 6, 7.
Pſa. cxxxii. 18.
Pſa. xxi. 4, 5.
Pſa. xxvi. 3.
Prov. xvi. 2, 7.
Pſa. cv, 22.
Exod. xviii. 21.
Amos v. 24.
Pſa. cxxii. 7.
Iſa. lx. 17, 18.
1 Cor. i. 10.
Mal. iii. 3.
2 Tim. ii. 24.
1 Tim. iv. 12.

LET *us know above all Things*, that the Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wiſdom, and the Knowledge of the Holy is Underſtanding. Let us Love our Enemies, bleſs them that curſe us, do good to them that hate us, and pray for them that deſpitefully uſe us, and perſecute us. Father forgive them, for they know not what they do. Now to the King eternal, immortal, inviſible, the only wiſe God, be Glory and Majeſty, Dominion and Power, both now and ever, *Amen. Our Father who art in Heaven*, &c.

Prov. ix. 10.
Mat, v. 44.
Luke xxiii. 34.
1 Tim. i. 17.
Jud. 25.

IN like Manner occaſional Parts may be compoſed, adapted to the Morning, and Evening, Sabbath, Sickneſs, Death, War, Famine, Faſting, Thankſgiving, *&c.*

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